

# MANY ALUMNI TO ATTEND FINALS

Special Feature of Commencement Exercises at Williams and Mary.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Williamsburg, Va., May 21.—Commencement week will begin at Williams and Mary on Sunday, June 5. A departure from the custom of the past will be the delivery of the final sermon before the Young Men's Christian Association tomorrow night, two weeks before the beginning of commencement week. This service will be at 8 P. M. and the sermon will be delivered by Rev. W. R. L. Smith, of the Second Baptist Church, Richmond. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Dr. Robert W. Barnwell, of Petersburg, at 11 o'clock on the morning of Sunday, June 5.

The final exercises of the literary societies will take place on the nights of Monday and Tuesday, June 6 and 7. On Monday annual field day will be held, and on Tuesday the senior class exercises.

It is expected that the distinguishing feature of this final over past sessions, will be the large alumni attendance. A committee of the Alumni Association has been working for some months over the plans for Alumni Day, Wednesday, June 8. Between fifty and a hundred alumni have signified their intention of being on the campus upon that day, and it is expected that a great many more will be brought back by the knowledge that so many of the old boys are to return. A special celebration has been arranged for the alumni and students of the normal department on the morning of Alumni Day.

William W. Bishop, of the Library of Congress, will address the meeting on "The Use of Books in Education," and Superintendent Eggleston has been invited to speak at the same gathering. The oration before the alumni will be delivered at 4 P. M. by James Gordon Bohannon, of Surry, class of 1902.

**Smoker for Alumni.**  
An informal smoker will be joined in by all visiting alumni after the business meeting, which will follow the speaking. The smoker, which is the hands of an alumni committee of which H. Bird is chairman, will take the place of the customary banquet. Another innovation which is creating great interest is the proposed faculty-senior class baseball game which will probably be played in the afternoon of Alumni Day.

Professor F. M. Crawford, of the Department of Manual Arts is making the necessary arrangements for this interesting contest.

On the afternoon of Wednesday there will be held also the annual business meeting of the Alpha Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, for the election of new members and of officers for next session.

Thursday, June 9, will be the closing day of the session—Baccalaureate Day. At the occasion of the awarding of the diplomas by the president in the morning the talk to the graduating class will be made by Hon. Andrew Jackson Montague, of Virginia.

This will be the second commencement occasion at which the academic costume will be worn since the pre-revolutionary days of the college, when it was the constant practice.

With the academic costume of the commencement will be as given above, the full program has not yet been given out by the authorities of the college, but will be published within the next few days.

Among the social events which will mark commencement week at the old capital city will be Germans by three of the fraternities. The Kappa Sigma German will be on Monday night, the Kappa Alpha, Tuesday night, and the Phi Kappa Alpha on Wednesday night. The final ball of the college German club will close the festivities of the week on Thursday night.

**WILL ERECT NEW BUILDING.**  
Contract for Large Dormitory at Churchland High School.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Spencer, N. C., May 21.—A contract has been let for the erection of a large dormitory building at Churchland High School, at Churchland, Davidson county, where for several years a State High School has been in successful progress. The building, which is to be completed before the opening of the fall term, will be modern in architecture and equipment, and will accommodate more than 200 students. Under the management of Prof. S. G. Hasty, as principal, the school during the past year reached an enrollment of 125, and has for several years been constantly growing. Many improvements are scheduled for the coming year. Students are prepared at the entrance for entrance into the sophomore classes of the various colleges in North Carolina. The society work at the school is said to be a very fine feature of its work.

**SUCCESSFUL YEAR CLOSSES.**  
Commencement Exercises of High Schools in Gloucester.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Gloucester, Va., May 14.—The commencement exercises of the two high schools in Gloucester have brought to a close a very successful year in the public schools in Gloucester.

The graduates of Hay's High School were: Misses Sally Foster Bridges, Marie Juanita Bridges and Wallace Wellington Williams. The prize essay was read by Miss Marie Bridges. Addresses were made by Hon. J. Boyd Seers, of Matthews; Supt. R. A. Folks and the principal, Mr. Kirtz. Drills, plays and songs were successfully given by the pupils of Hay's High School.

The second annual commencement of the Botetourt High School, Gloucester, took place Tuesday night with the large audience in waiting until Mr. John R. Saunders, of Middlesex, and

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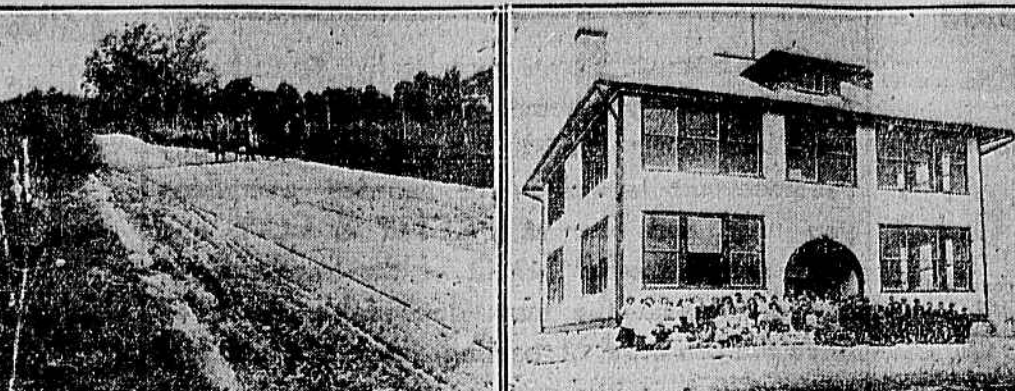
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# Progress in Schools and Community Life in Rural Virginia



In one of the above pictures is shown a gray soil road, shaped by a King drag. Automobiles speed over this road, the head of which is shown in the picture. The road is in the vicinity of the residence of A. E. Wilkins, Turbeville, Halifax county, Va. The house has in it gas, water and phone connection with South Boston, ten miles distant.

The school children in the picture are on their way to the Turbeville High School, which is shown in the other picture. The school has six class rooms and an assembly hall, the latest system of ventilation, a good piano and other modern facilities. The school, the residence and the road are ten miles from a town.

Hon. James N. Stubbs, of Gloucester, made addresses, and Supt. Folks and Hon. J. N. Stubbs presented the diplomas to the following graduates: Misses Letitia Miller Broadus, Maria Pollard Jones, Fay Carter Watt, William Barr Duncan and Mintire Folks. The prize offered by Superintendent Folks for the best allround student was awarded to Miss Genevieve Story. The plays and songs were unusually well done, and the occasion a notable one in the history of the Gloucester High School.

**DR. RICE THE ORATOR.**  
Program for Commencement at Williamsburg Female Institute.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Williamsburg, Va., May 13.—Commencement exercises at the Williamsburg Female Institute will begin Sunday morning, May 29, when Rev. T. H. Rice, D. D., of the Theological Seminary, Richmond, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. Dr. Rice will also deliver the annual address before the Y. W. C. A. on the night of May 29. There will be public exercises on Monday and Tuesday nights following, the institute closing on Wednesday, June 1.

**INTERESTING EXERCISES.**  
Large Attendance at Commencement of Southern Conservatory of Music.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Durham, N. C., May 21.—The first commencement exercises of the Southern Conservatory of Music was the work of the juniors, and a crowded auditorium witnessed their excellent performance. The concert work could not have been excelled. It may be said that of the most brilliant concert in the history of this well-known institution of music. At 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon the graduating exercises were held, and the awarding of diplomas and medals took place. On this occasion State Senator Whitehead Klutz, of Salisbury, one of the State's most gifted orators, delivered a very ornate address, that was enthusiastically received. The senior recital took place Friday.

**WORKING FOR HIGH SCHOOL.**  
Enthusiasm Follows Educational Meeting at Hebron Church.

Etna Mills, Va., May 14.—An educational meeting was held at Hebron church, Etna Mills, Va., May 14. The meeting was well attended by the patrons of the schools and those interested in the development of the high school system.

Hon. R. C. Stearnes, secretary of the Board of Education of Virginia, was the principal speaker. His address was practical and interesting. As a result the people of the Manohick School District hope to soon have a good substantial high school building situated at some central point. Private subscriptions have been made and land and lumber given towards this movement.

**PENTAGULAR DEBATE.**  
Contest Will Require Two Years for Completion.

Chapel Hill, N. C., May 21.—Tulane University, of New Orleans, has started a movement to have a pentagonal debate between Tulane, North Carolina, Virginia, Vanderbilt and Missouri. H. E. Stacey, of the university debating union, is in correspondence with the debating council of Tulane concerning the debate. Tulane, North Carolina, Virginia and Vanderbilt have already entered into the five-cornered arrangement. Missouri has not yet been heard from. If Missouri finds it impossible to enter there are half a dozen other universities ready to take Missouri's place. This debate will require two years for completion. It will be one of the most significant debating contests engaged in by any of the American universities. Involving such cities as New Orleans, Nashville and St. Louis (not to mention Chapel Hill, Durham, State as Louisiana, North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Missouri) this pentagonal debate will be interstate and national in interest and consequence.

**PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED.**  
Attorney-General Williams to Deliver Address at Cluster Springs.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Cluster Springs, Va., May 14.—The following program for the forty-ninth annual commencement of Cluster Springs Academy was announced today.

Saturday, May 28—3:30 P. M. annual field day; 8:30 P. M. celebration of the Clericorum Literary Society.

Sunday, May 29—12:30 P. M. annual sermon by Rev. W. R. Laird, D. D., of the Young Men's Christian Association by Rev. N. W. Kuykendall, Moorefield, W. Va.

Monday, May 30—11:30 A. M. literary address by Hon. Samuel W. Williams, Attorneys-at-Law, followed by announcement of honors and distinctions, etc.

The school has enjoyed a year of great prosperity, having had the largest number of boys in attendance in its history.

**COMMENCEMENT IN RALEIGH.**  
Four Colleges Announce Programs for Final Exercises.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Raleigh, N. C., May 14.—Raleigh's commencement season for her four splendid colleges opens with the week of May 22. St. Mary's School will graduate nineteen young women during the commencement. The ceremony will be by Bishop Tucker, of Southern Virginia. For the graduating exercises Thursday, May 26, the address will be by Rev. C. Ernest Smith, of St. Thomas Church, Washington, D. C.

At Peace Institute, on Wednesday, May 25, diplomas will be awarded to

fourteen young women. The commencement sermon on Sunday is to be by Dr. B. W. Mebane, and the address for the graduating exercises to be by Bishop Edward Rondthaler, of the Moravian Church.

Meredith College will have thirty-one graduates, and the commencement season will be May 22 to 24. The baccalaureate sermon will be by Rev. O. P. Gimrd, of Brookline, Mass., and the missionary sermon by Dr. Sparks W. Melton, of Fremont Baptist Church, Norfolk.

The North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts will turn out fifty-eight graduates in various courses of study, the graduating exercises to be May 31, with commencement sermon by Rev. David W. Howard, D. D., of Norfolk.

**SCHOOL YEAR CLOSSES.**  
Interesting Final Exercises at Bowling Green Female Seminary.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Bowling Green, Va., May 21.—The commencement exercises of the Bowling Green Female Seminary were begun at the hall of the seminary to-night. An enjoyable concert was given by the school. To-morrow morning at 11 o'clock the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by the Rev. Henry D. Pfeiffer, of Petersburg, at the Methodist Church.

At 8 o'clock Sunday night at the Methodist Church the missionary address will be delivered by Rev. C. K. Mulliken, principal of the school. On Monday morning at 11 o'clock the baccalaureate address will be delivered in the Methodist Church by Rev. J. R. Jacobs, of Fredericksburg, and at 8 o'clock on Monday night the final exercises will take place at the hall of the seminary, consisting of an election recital, a play entitled "Rebecca's Triumph," and instrumental music.

The following are the graduates who will receive diplomas: Miss Bessie Wilson Scroggin, of Petersburg; full graduate, Miss Ruth Blake, of Ashland; literary graduate, and Miss Lavinia Curtis Varing, of Dunnsville, music graduate.

This will close the most successful session of the seminary for a number of years, with the brightest prospects the school has had for a long time.

**Many Parks Made Attractive**  
The various city parks, as well as those of the Richmond and Petersburg Electric Line, are unusually attractive to those who are housed all the time in the city. Joseph Bryan Memorial Park, Ashland, Reservoir and "Pond Hill" parks are particularly attractive now, because of the dense foliage and the cool, inviting grass. These attractive spots are drawing hundreds of pleasure and rest-seeking every afternoon and evening and thousands on Sundays.

**RICH GIFTS TO COLLEGE.**  
Commencement Week at Washington and Tusculum, in Tennessee.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Bristol, Tenn., May 21.—This was commencement week at Washington and Tusculum College, the Presbyterian institution of learning in East Tennessee, which recently received an endowment of \$101,000, following which Andrew Carnegie presented the board of trustees with \$21,000 for building purposes. The graduating class this year was composed of the following: Wilbur L. Bewley, Hugh H. Britton, Adrian Campbell, William Hardin, John R. Fitzgeralds, Carrie Cecil Lovett, John C. McAmis, Charles M. Miller, Clifford H. Perce, Belle G. Moore, Alexander B. Morrow, Margue-

**FINAL EXERCISES AT POWHATAN INSTITUTE**  
Address to Graduates by Professor Anderson, of Richmond College.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Powhatan, Va., May 21.—On the evening of May 12 the commencement exercises of Powhatan Institute took place. On this occasion the piano and vocal pupils rendered a very enjoyable program.

On Friday evening Miss Leslie Phillips charmed an appreciative audience with her graduating recital, being assisted by Misses Minnie Cunningham and Conie Saunders.

The following morning the members of the graduating class held their class exercises. The assembly hall was beautifully decorated in black and gold pennants, yellow roses and ferns. The members of the class, including Misses Lottie Slead, Bertha Hughes, Meda Gilliam, Gay Gilliam, Leslie Phillips, Emma Parish and Leanda Potts, entered the room carrying a wreath of willows, singing the class song. The opening address was made by the president, Miss Meda Gilliam, then followed the class history, poem, prophecy and donations. With the planting of the tree was ended the program set for the day.

On Saturday evening Professor D. R. Anderson, professor of English at Richmond College, addressed the graduates, after which the diplomas were presented by R. G. Porter.

Several medals were awarded on this occasion. The junior essay medal was won by Miss Conie Saunders; the medal for neatness by Miss Calvy Drummond; and the scholarship medal by Miss Bertha Hughes.

After the conclusion of the valedictory, rendered by Miss Hughes, the senior bonfire took place, when this session's "ironies" were given to flames.

On Sunday the class was addressed by Rev. Frank Phillips, of Richmond, who preached the baccalaureate sermon.

With Sunday night's sermon, preached by Charles Reed, of the Presbyterian Seminary, the session of 1910 closed, after a most successful year.

**New School Building for Oxford.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Durham, N. C., May 21.—Durham architects have been awarded the contract for the Oxford junior graded and high school building, a brick structure that is to cost from \$20,000 to \$25,000. It will have ten rooms and assembly hall, and will be a modern and handsome building.

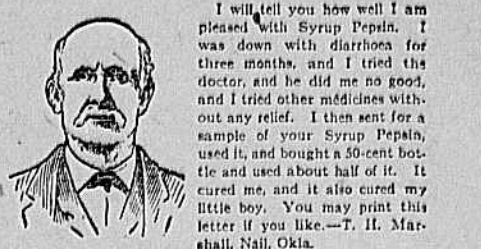
**Staunton's Future Leaders**  
High School Pupils, Beverly Manor Academy, Staunton, Va.

Staunton, Va., May 21.—The final exercises of Beverly Manor Academy took place at the school building on Wednesday morning. The assembly room, which was filled to overflowing with friends and patrons of the school, was tastefully decorated in green and white, the school colors, and with a profusion of cut flowers. John W. Todd, clerk of the board, presided, and prayer was offered by Rev. A. D. R. Hancher. The orator of the day was Colonel Rudolph Bumgardner, a man of high literary attainments, who takes great interest in educational matters. His scholarly address was a masterpiece.

A fine program was faultlessly rendered by the pupils. The musical number, which was much enjoyed, especially a violin solo, "Dixie," by Arthur Deffen, brought a piano solo by Master Kenneth McCutchen, who responded to an encore, and a piano duet by Misses Alene Young and Gladys Keller. The songs, "Old Black Joe," "How Lovely Is the Wood," and "I'm Going Back to Dixie," were beautifully rendered by the high school, and a German song, "Der Postillon," by the German class. Samuel Carr Harman delivered a Ca-

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rita E. Rankin, Eunice M. Robinson, Susana L. Robinson, Carlos Cordova. Two or three of the graduates are Cubans, who came to the school four years ago.

**COMMENCEMENT AT CHATHAM.**  
President Boatwright, of Richmond College, Will Make Address.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Chatham, Va., May 21.—The first commencement of the Chatham Training School will begin with the baccalaureate sermon in the Baptist Church Sunday night, by Rev. J. E. Hicks, of Danville. Monday night the annual debate for the Jeffersonian Literary Society Founders' medal will be held, followed by a banquet. Tuesday night President Boatwright, of Richmond College, will deliver the address of the occasion.

Miss Kate Tredway gave her graduating recital at the Chatham Episcopal Institute to-night, this being the first of the commencement exercises.

**Encouraging Outlook for Normal.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Farmville, Va., May 14.—The outlook for a large attendance at the summer normal to open here in June and continue for one month, is encouraging to the management. Last year more than 200 teachers were in attendance, and it is thought that this number will be increased by nearly as many more. The State Normal buildings will be used for the institute.

**CLOSING FOR YEAR.**  
Commencement Exercises at Cape Charles High School.

Cape Charles, Va., May 21.—The commencement exercises of the Cape Charles High School were held in the Casino Wednesday evening. In well-selected words Professor B. P. Gentry presented the diplomas to the graduating class. The address of the evening was delivered by Hon. J. Alston Cabell, of Richmond.

A gold medal, given by Mayor John T. Daniel, was presented to Miss Iva Beachboard, of the graduating class, for the best essay. The medal was presented by Rev. T. J. C. Heath. The graduates were Miss Mae Frances Grimmer, Miss Nannie Bett Williams and Miss Iva Beachboard.

The exercises were closed with the song "Columbia," followed by benediction by Rev. W. C. Flournoy.

The floral gifts to the graduating class were beautiful and profuse. The Kureka and Union Literary Societies tendered a banquet to the graduating class and a few invited guests.

**Mathews Social News.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Mathews, Va., May 21.—Miss Julia Hughes, of Richmond, has purchased the home of Mrs. Gray Billups.

Mrs. Rutherford, of New Jersey, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parrott.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Lilly have moved to Norfolk to live, and their home

# MAY DANCE AT SWEET BRIAR



[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Sweet Briar, Va., May 21.—One of the most interesting and attractive features of the masque of flowers at Sweet Briar was the dancing. The quaint, old-fashioned Morris dances of the English peasantry were reproduced in a very realistic manner, the dancers wearing the peasant costumes of the early seventeenth century. The Dance of the Flowers was most graceful, and it received hearty applause.

The Morris dancers were Misses Ross, Slaughter, Ervin, Bailey, Cranford, Birmingham, Murrell, Dalton, Thilman, Hardy, Bancroft and Morris.

The Flower Dancers were Misses Thelma MacDonald, Guiltie and Gumm, representing Jonquills; Misses Coffin, Mahone, Hyslop and Glass, representing roses; Misses McWhorter, Dunn, Matson and Swan, representing crocuses; Misses Abrams, Wilson, Avirett and Ervin, representing morning glories.

closing exercises at the Red Men's Hall on the night of the 20th.

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